

# Minutes

North Coast Marine Manufacturing Alliance Meeting

May 14, 2014

1:00 PM

NWTC Green Bay Campus - BA101 Classroom

<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Steering Committee
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Debbie Thompson
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Pete Bilski-MMC, Bill Behme-Bay Shipbuilding, Joe Draves and Dave Geitner-NWTC, Grayson Gerndt-Cruisers, Phillip Henslee-MMC, Brian Lancour-NWTC, Nate Milsap-Navy League of the United States, Ann Franz and Debbie Thompson-NWTC</b>

## AGENDA TOPICS

## PARTICIPANT(S)

**Fox Valley Council of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS)**

**Nate Milsap**

Nate Milsap, president of the greater Green Bay council – NLUS, gave a presentation. The NLUS was founded in 1902 and serves over 60,000 U.S. sea service members and their families around the world. Their mission is to enhance the morale of active duty personnel and their families; to inform Congress and the American public on the importance of strong sea services; and to foster education and development of youth through their programs.

The NLUS STEM Institute increases youth interest in STEM education and career pathways. Stem is focused on 10 to 18 year olds, with the hope of offering a STEM junior program for 8 to 9 year olds. Their fun, hands-on, interactive learning uses STEM kits to build underwater, remotely operated SeaPerch vehicles. The program introduces STEM careers through curriculum focused on materials, design, motor movement, wiring, soldering, vectors, circuits and switches, depth measurement, biological sampling and other topics. At the end of the school year there can be a local competition, with winners advancing to a state competition, followed by a national competition.

Nate is looking to the NCMMA for design, engineering, and schematics assistance to help foster their youth program. He would like to do a presentation and 3D puzzle. Nate's goal in this effort is to get kids excited about boat building; however, he needs ideas and help to get this process started. At a future meeting, he will bring the SeaPerch for a demo.

Ann suggested targeting a few local schools and have member companies sponsor a class. Attendees were in favor of moving forward in support of providing some type of youth NLUS STEM training. This topic will be further discussed at the next meeting.

## Member and Subcommittee Updates

All

- Bill Behme reported Bay Shipbuilding has been very busy. They currently have two years' worth of backlog and may possibly have a four year backlog by the end of 2014. Three petroleum barges and two tugs have been signed, in addition to doing new business.
- NWTC graduation was last week. Students who graduate with their welding technical diploma will have the opportunity to attend one additional semester to receive their marine technical diploma. Joe stated NWTC is also looking to start an industrial coatings program.
- Phillip discussed MMC's difficulty in finding pipefitters. Joe shared that students graduate and get jobs right away, creating difficulty in filling pipefitting classes at NWTC. Development of an NWTC 3 to 5 credit pipefitting certificate was discussed.
- The supply chain subcommittee is strategizing to do another group buy. Ann also shared that in June NEWMA is being recognized as a world best practice in Paris, primarily due to the organization being industry-led. Ann thanked the industry reps at the meeting for their strong leadership, which has made NCMMA successful.
- Pete shared that he will bring the marine builders together to host a safety best practice meeting.

## Fast Forward Grant/WEDC Grant

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The Fast Forward Grant awarded in January needs to be modified, due to Marquis no longer needing to hire. The Bay Area Workforce Development Board is writing a modification to the grant to move the training dollars to Bay Shipbuilding.

Representatives from Cruisers, Marquis and Burger Boat are going to write for a WEDC grant in an effort to have them sponsor a couple of international trade missions and/or boat shows. Germany has been chosen as one of the potential destinations for its 'Das Boot Show'.

	<b>ABYC &amp; NCMMA Scholarships</b>	<b>All</b>
<p>Two \$1,000 NCMMA scholarships have been approved. Recipients will be announced within the next two months.</p> <p>Joe reported that the ABYC has approved NWTC as a member, making this a great accomplishment. Funding has been budgeted. There was discussion on other certifying bodies that might add value to the membership. Joe will look into the SSPC, which is an industrial painting certification body, along with OSHA 10 Maritime. The goal would be to have trainers be certified in the local area in both of the aforementioned specialties.</p>		
	<b>NSRP</b>	<b>All</b>
<p>Ann recently attended an NSRP meeting in Mobile, Alabama. The NSRP is looking to fund projects that are Navy related, especially projects that can save money in the long run. Projects funded by the NSRP must be shared with other shipyards. Ann is serving as vice chair of this panel group.</p>		
	<b>New Membership</b>	<b>All</b>
<p>American Pride Industrial Equipment &amp; Services, a Green Bay based company, was approved as a new Associate member. They sell industrial and institutional supplies, including NoMarr straps. Bill Capelle is the owner.</p>		
	<b>Plan Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>The next NCMMA steering committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the NWTC business assistance center.</b> There will not be a July meeting, due to the holiday.</p> <p>Agenda topics for the June meeting include the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCMMA Involvement in the NLUS Youth Program</li> <li>• K-12 Outreach</li> <li>• OSHA Maritime Training</li> <li>• WEDC Grant Opportunity</li> <li>• SSPC</li> </ul> <p>The committee would like for the August meeting agenda to include member company's hiring and recruitment processes.</p>		